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## Science Building renovations may be delayed

**KARI WILLIAMS**  
Alestle Reporter

An appellate court ruling could affect renovations in the old Science Building, but not construction on the new building.

There are two phases to the Science Building project. Dave Gross, SIU executive assistant for Government Affairs, said the construction of the new building is the first phase, which has financing that has been authorized, and the renovation of the old building.

"The financing is in place for the new building and the additional funding, finance for the renovation will come later in the project," Gross said.

The Capital Bill, passed in 2009, funds infrastructure projects using money from increased taxes, including those on video gaming,

and was ruled unconstitutional. Gross said there were unrelated pieces of legislation within the Capital Bill.

"The appellate court in Chicago ruled that the legislature violated what's known as the single

and has been told not to slow down construction. So far, progress has not been affected.

"We've been instructed by the governor's office that if our project is under contract to continue work," Walker said.

Gov. Pat Quinn issued a statement saying all current projects would continue, pending the outcome of the Supreme Court decision. Gross said the state is always selling long-term bonds, which finance buildings.

"The state sold bonds to pay for the [new] science building and the bond authorization bill was not thrown out," Gross said. "It was one of the Capital Bills that was not challenged."

Physics Department Chair Abdullatif Hamad said the Physics Department will stay in the current Science Building once the new one is completed and that renovations are an overdue project.

"We've been instructed by the governor's office that if our project is under contract to continue work..."

- Rich Walker

Assistant vice chancellor of Administration

subject rule in the constitution," Gross said. "[There] have been bonds sold and revenue raised to pay for these projects, including the project at SIU Edwardsville."

Assistant Vice Chancellor of Administration Rich Walker said the governor's office is appealing the decision to the Supreme Court



Photo by Michelle Beard/ Alestle

The Science Building was scheduled for renovations after the new Science Building was built. The Capitol Bill, if passed, could stop the renovations from being done.

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Photo courtesy of Benjamin Baker

Cairo citizens raise voices and arms against the Egyptian government in Tahrir Square Jan. 30. SIUE junior Benjamin Baker saw the protests first-hand while studying abroad.

## Study abroad student witnesses uprising against government in Egypt

**AREN DOW**  
Alestle Editor in Chief

Benjamin Baker planned to study abroad to further his major, math, and to brush up on a little Arabic. It would have been difficult to expect landing in the middle of a revolution.

Benjamin Baker, a junior from St. Charles, Ill., studying abroad in Cairo from last semester through Feb. 2, witnessed the protests against the Egyptian

government and their president Hosni Mubarak firsthand.

From his apartment four blocks from Tahrir Square, Benjamin Baker said he could see some of the more dangerous parts of the protesting.

"At night you could see things burning in the streets," Benjamin Baker said. "Seeing everything at night—it was surreal."

The destruction was a buildup of tensions between the

people of Egypt and Mubarak, who Benjamin Baker said the people thought was a puppet of the west. Benjamin Baker was there the previous semester as well, and although there were rumblings of dissatisfaction from the Egyptian people, the hostility was something he said he did not see coming.

"I actually came home for Christmas break," Benjamin Baker said. "When I came back, the streets were covered with riot

police."

Benjamin Baker was attending American University in Cairo, which is about 20 miles east of Tahrir Square, and was waiting for the school to open. It was supposed to open Jan. 30, but was pushed back again as protests continued.

A satellite campus of the university closer to the heart of the city had computers stolen and was vandalized. Despite protesters and riot police, Benjamin Baker

said he felt safe as long as he was not out at night.

"If you stayed in after six o'clock [p.m.], you shouldn't have been in too much danger," Benjamin Baker said.

In fact, Benjamin Baker said he took several trips out to Tahrir Square during the day, including Jan. 28 - 30. The first of those days, communication was cut off to residents in Cairo, leaving Ben

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## EGYPT from pg.1



Photo courtesy of Benjamin Baker

Burned out cars and debris filled the streets of Tahrir Square, leading citizens to try to clean up the trash during the day. Protestors have been staying within the square for the past several weeks to protest the current government.

jamin Baker unable to return contact with his family.

Bryan Baker, his father, said the two of them had been able to use Skype to communicate. During the Friday communication blackout, Benjamin Baker could receive texts from his father but could not respond. Saturday, communication was back to normal for them.

"[My parents] were nervous. They hadn't been in contact for a day [and were] pretty much relieved I was OK," Benjamin Baker said.

Bryan Baker said it was not the current state of affairs that was troubling, but the potential of what the protesting could amount to.

"It really never got that violent, it was just uncertain how violent it was going to get," Bryan Baker said.

The protestors Benjamin Baker encountered, he said, were anti-Mubarak and stopped to talk to him after they recognized he was American.

"They knew we were American and they were telling us they wanted to be like America," Benjamin Baker said. "They want their country to be a democracy."

American media coverage was adequate, he said, but overemphasized the violence. Benjamin Baker said the protestors he met were peaceful and were just looking for a change of the government, which included Mubarak.

"I feel bad for the people who tried to have a peaceful

protest and [were] beaten by the riot police with clubs," Benjamin Baker said. "[The protestors] were doing it no differently than if it was in the U.S."

Walking around downtown, Benjamin Baker said he saw multiple cars burned out and broken glass littering the streets. Between the debris, he said there were around 2,000 people, many of them cleaning up the streets.

People raised Egyptian flags and chanted in front of tanks and military personnel toting AK-47 assault rifles. Buildings were lined with broken windows.

Still, Benjamin Baker held out hope the protests would subside enough for the school to reopen. After it was apparent that would not be the case, the United States Embassy began arranging for students to be able to leave. Out of 300 students, 250 left on Jan. 31. Benjamin Baker said he waited until Feb. 2 to leave because of the extreme congestion at the airport, some passengers had a seven to eight hour wait to get onto a flight.

Benjamin Baker plans to return to SIUE in the fall. After living there for a semester and experiencing the country firsthand, Benjamin Baker said a change from the old government to a new one could result in a positive change for the country in turmoil.

"I did feel like there could be a big difference," Benjamin Baker said.

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## SCIENCE from pg.1

"I would like to have the Science Building renovated...because renovations are overdue," Hamad said. "It's important for the progress, growth and development of our department."

Chemistry Department Chair Robert Dixon said he can see construction on the new science building from his office and as of now he is hopeful.

"If there is any delay....we're going to have some serious issues since we already run labs seven days a week, but that's something I'll worry about once I see the construction stop," Dixon said.

Rocky Wirtz, who owns the Blackhawks and a "large liquor distribution company in Chicago," brought the lawsuit, according to Gross. There were increased taxes on certain liquor products and the Cook County appellate court agreed with the argument that the Capital Bill was violated.

Gross said projects that began last year will continue.

According to Gross, if the court agreed with Wirtz's lawsuit, legislature would have to separate and pass each part of the Capital Bill individually to avoid the single subject problem.

"We're watching it carefully," Gross said.

Gross said there is "good faith on all four caucuses to make sure the Capital Bill stays in place."

"If the court were to rule in favor of appellate court...[it] would create a heightened sense of concern among legislature to keep the Capital Bill in place," Gross said.

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# Improper clean-up leaves gym patrons disgusted

**JEFFREY NOLIN**  
Alestle Reporter

Senior bioengineering major Joel Bauza of Centralia entered the Student Fitness Center last Thursday and noticed a man hovering over the spittoon (basin) next to the water fountain that people spit in, washing out a large cut on his hand.

According to Bauza, there was diluted blood on the basin, surrounding brick and floor as well as getting into the drinking fountain next to it.

After noticing the five student employees watch the man and not cleaning up the mess, he approached the attendant's desk to ask for a supervisor to help the man clean up

the stagnating blood. The injured man finally left the sink, asked for a bandage and walked away.

Senior nursing major Shelly Smoot of Marion said anyone who uses the fitness center and secretes bodily fluids without cleaning it up should be kicked out or punished for their actions.

"People need to make sure they clean off anything they use to reduce germs and bacteria and bacteria that spread from bodily fluids," Smoot said. "They shouldn't spread their nastiness around and clean it up so no one gets something bad like an STD or AIDS."

According to Bauza, the attendants working did not attempt to do anything about the stagnating blood until one

employee decided to take the cleaner used to clean machines and paper towels and wipe up the mess without wearing gloves, aware that the supervisor was coming. After a supervisor checked on the situation, a custodian showed up to clean the sink with a bleach mixture and gloved hands.

Bauza said after the attendant had cleaned up the diluted blood students continued to use it before the janitor had properly cleaned it with bleach.

Bauza said no one was watching the sink to make sure it wasn't being used or putting up barricades to prevent further use and the whole incident was not cleaned properly until half an hour after the man started rinsing his hand.

"People need to make sure they clean off anything they use to reduce germs and bacteria..."  
- Shelly Smoot  
senior nursing major

Assistant Director David Hagedorn said bloodborne pathogen training is required of employees for any kind of open wound or bodily fluid and fitness center staff is not permitted to address that type of issue.

"There was a mistake made somewhere either in the training or that individual's recall of that training," Hagedorn said. "We want our employees to know what the right answer is and we will get that on the agenda."

Junior pre-dental student Jacob Coffey from Taylorville said no one should have to deal with spills of this kind. Coffey said just because it is a university fitness center does not mean it should hold lower standards.

"It's definitely not right what happened and I know most employees are



Photo by Rebekha Blake/ Alestle

**Students are asked to clean the machines in the fitness center after they use the gym equipment. 'It's never clean. I find myself cleaning the equipment before and after I work out,' construction management major Gene Smith said.**

just students, but they have to do their job in a timely manner especially when it comes to the well being of others," Coffey said.

Hagedorn said there was no record of the incident for there was not a report made about it. According to Hagedorn, there are incident and accident reports everyday that are reviewed daily but when an individual does not report the incident then a report is not made.

Hagedorn said if they find blood on any surface it is not always reported, but is cleaned by custodial services.

Senior nursing major Natasha House of Bloomington said it disgusts her to think of anyone misusing the equipment cleaners or not telling someone if they bleed, spit or

sweat over any surface.

"I would approach and tell them myself and I'm glad I haven't seen anyone do it yet," House said. "It would make me upset and I would at least tell someone at the front desk and would expect someone to clean it up right away."

Hagedorn said the man with the cut is unknown and the fitness attendant working at the time of the incident was told by someone other than the injured party there was someone rinsing a cut out in the spittoon basin.

Hagedorn was told by the attendant that they saw no one in sight with a cut and

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# Focused Interest Communities create learning opportunities for students in university housing

**ASHLEY SEERING**  
Alestle Reporter

University Housing is no longer just a place for students to shower and sleep at night. It is a place where young minds can create the ideas that will shape their future and work with other students to achieve their goals.

Focused Interest Communities allow academically driven students to work with their peers to do anything from learning a new culture, creating a business idea, or simply networking and making new friends.

The idea originated in traditional college campuses such as Oxford and Cambridge in England and was first recognized in the U.S. by the University of Wisconsin in the 1920s, according to the SIUE Housing website.

The success of these organized housing techniques spread to universities nationwide, including SIUE.

The SIUE Housing website says that the purpose of FICs is so students can live in an environment that is organized based on their academic interests and helps build closer relationships with fellow students and professors.

The Second Year Experience program is housed in Evergreen Hall and caters to sophomores. It allows for social interaction, career

exploration and other academic initiatives, according to the website.

Director of University Housing Mike Schultz said the Second Year Experience is a beneficial choice for sophomores.

"It allows students to really look at the opportunities that will benefit their second year such as career exploration as well as group academics," Schultz said.

Second Year Experience allows sophomores to begin planning for their careers by focusing on career development and important steps such as writing a resume, according to the Housing website.

Cougar Enterprise is a Focused Interest Community for students trying to pursue their business ideas.

Sophomore computer engineering major David Kling of Rockford said fresh perspectives from fellow students are helpful for developing business ideas.

"[Enterprise students] can meet in the study lounge to collaborate different ideas," Kling said.

Sophomore business administration major Matt McElwee of Charleston said the enterprise has helped him as a young entrepreneur.

"As entrepreneurs we usually work individually, but it's helpful to be able to come together as a group to go over each other's ideas and find the strengths and weaknesses," McElwee said.

Another Focused Interest Community available for upperclassmen is the International House, otherwise known as I-

"[Scholars] provide a lot of support and it just feels really inclusive and safe here..."

- Tiffany Maglasang  
freshman psychology major

House.

According to the Housing website, I-House is designed to enhance fluency in language and create cultural understanding.

"The International House is a great way to learn about different cultures and for the exchange students to express their business ideas," Kling said.

I-House is open to both foreign and domestic students. Both the I-House and Cougar Enterprise are located in apartment 529 in Cougar Village, which was rebuilt recently after a fire destroyed the old one in

August 2009.

For freshmen there are a number of Focused Interest Community groups they are eligible to join.

Students may choose from a FIC with a focus in business or nursing located in Woodland Hall, education in Prairie Hall, engineering, technology or health professions in Bluff Hall, or psychology. The location for the 2011-2012 psychology FIC has yet to be determined. Freshmen may also join the Future Leaders or sustainability located in Woodland Hall, Scholars in Prairie Hall, or Quest FIC in Bluff Hall.

The Scholars FIC requires students to be accepted as Meridian Scholars and they must have received a full academic scholarship for their high school academic achievements. The Housing website states: "students in the Scholars FIC also take an honors course together."

The Scholars wing is currently located in Prairie Hall.

Freshman psychology major Tiffany Maglasang of Columbia

enjoys the honors wing environment in 1 East.

"I know pretty much everyone in my wing and it's always usually quiet and well-behaved," Maglasang said. "[Scholars] provides a lot of support and it just feels really inclusive and safe here."

Students Improving Society is a sustainability FIC that teaches how students' daily decisions impact the world they live in, according to the website.

Students in this FIC can take one of two sustainability themed courses, complete service work and work with university staff.

The Quest FIC is designed to house undecided freshmen who wish to explore different career options. Quest is currently located in Bluff Hall.

Students who want to be a part of a freshman or upperclass FIC may indicate their interest on their Housing application.

For more information on focused interest communities, visit the SIUE Housing website at [siue.edu/housing/fic/index.shtml](http://siue.edu/housing/fic/index.shtml).

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in turn cleaned up the diluted blood splash using the same cleaner used to clean equipment and paper towels without gloved hands.

The attendant then called the supervisor on duty who instructed the attendant not to clean the blood, not to use that cleaner and to not clean up bodily fluid, which should have been known through prior training. The attendant was found by the supervisor with the cleaning product and towels in hand. Once the supervisor showed up, the attendant was supposed to keep an eye on the basin.

According to Hagedorn, it is a possibility a student could have used it when the attendant was

not looking.

Senior mass communications major Nick Nuzzo from Louisville, Ky. said anyone who does not say something to have equipment cleaned or wastes time not cleaning properly at the fitness center should take responsibility for their own actions.

"People should take pride in cleaning effectively instead of being selfish or ignorant," Nuzzo said. "Someone should be contacted and people should be respectful and considerate of everyone else using anything in the fitness center."

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## SIUE POLICE BLOTTER

**1-31-11**

Police took a report of a strong odor of marijuana and Lysol coming from a room in Bluff Hall. Mitchell T. Gaffney was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, taken to the police department where he was processed, released with a notice to appear and returned to Bluff Hall.

**2-5-11**

Police took a report of a laptop stolen from a Cougar Village apartment.

Police arrested Stephen Boatright on a warrant for failure to appear

for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor following a motorist assist request in the Bluff Hall parking lot. Boatright was taken to the police department where he was processed and released after posting \$175 bond.

**2-6-11**

Police issued Sara S. Abusharbain a citation for expired registration on North Circle Drive.

Police issued Marshall D. Frenchie a citation for unauthorized handicap parking in the Prairie Hall parking lot.

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**Friday, February 11****Eighth Annual Gospel Explosion**

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Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

Join us for an inspirational evening to spread the gospel of healing, reconciliation, and unity to the campus and community. The event will feature gospel music, poetry, rap and praise dance.

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**Friday, February 11 – Sunday, February 13****Black Theater Workshop – The Roots**

Feb. 11 & 12 – 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 13 – 2 p.m.

Metcalfe Theater

Artistic Director – Kathryn Bentley

Student Director – Curtis Lewis

This SIUE student created, performed and directed production is a potpourri of scenes, monologues, songs and poetry.

**Tuesday, February 15****Livewire – Jenn Mundia**

12 Noon – 1 p.m.

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Come listen to this Kenyan-born acoustic soul singer! Jenn Mundia's unique voice will have you clapping and singing along!

**Wednesday, February 16****Health Fair: A Celebration of Health, 2011**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Come and celebrate your health through health screenings and evaluations. Learn how simple lifestyle changes and acquaintance with community health care providers can improve your health in 2011 and beyond.

**Thursday, February 17****Black and Blues: The Roots of African American Music**

12 Noon – 1 p.m.

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

This presentation will take a look at the history of the African American Experience from a musical perspective.

**Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show**

7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

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Location – Abbott Auditorium

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**Tuesday, February 22****Taste of Culture - Africa**

11:30 AM – 1 p.m.

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Enjoy a performance by Spirit of Angela, a traditional west African drum and dance group. Enjoy free food and prizes.

**Thursday, February 24****Unsung Heroes (Heroines) of the Civil Rights Struggle**

12 Noon – 1 p.m.

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

A panel will discuss the range of leaders from the civil rights movement. It was much more than a King and a Dream. Come learn about the brave men and women who fought and continue to fight for civil rights.

**Saturday, February 26****Africa Night**

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## Bath salts and potpourri: the latest drug craze

Smoking incense and snorting bath salts nowadays might take you further than Raoul Duke and Dr. Gonzo with a trunk full of goodies.

I'm referring to the drug scares of "nod and a wink" products on the rise, which in reality are synthetic drugs meant to skirt past bans on the real thing.



**Kenneth Long**  
Copy Editor

Now, products like K2, Cloud 9 and other incenses are sold in head shops across the country. While a ban was put in place for the specific chemical in Illinois and Missouri, new strains of synthetic cannabis are legal and back on the market with new incarnations of incense. But what are these exactly?

Basically, it's the chemical sprayed onto potpourri. I've seen bags of both K2 and Cloud 9, and it's hard to tell what the dried plants are. Not terribly exciting.

The bath salts, which are still legal, seem slightly more nefarious. Being likened to cocaine or meth, many news reports paint "Ivory Wave" and other innocent-sounding

salts as the next killer drug, with users having carved themselves with kitchen knives or gone into comas and dying.

Seems like scary stuff to be labeled as bath salts; what little research on it shows them to contain the psychoactive drug Methylenedioxypyrovalerone (MDPV).

Both incense and bath salts can be bought online from suspiciously out-of-date websites with no explicit signs they are drugs. The incense shouldn't be smoked and the bath salts shouldn't be snuffed. How do people know the true uses then?

Google any of the names of these products and it's all there.

These products exist because people feel the need to get high. Whether it's right for people to be high is another issue, but selling these products with a nod and a wink is wrong.

Marijuana is the choice for many who want to get high; it's been around before we were even a country, and it'll be here long after. Its criminalization is long and sordid, but as of today it's illegal. However, most could get their hands on it easily; everybody has a guy.

But if products like K2 and Ivory Wave are being legally sold, they should be fully disclosed with the true dangers for their true

uses.

People will always find a way to get high. People are resourceful, but not necessarily smart. However, selling these products without really telling people the dangers or how much is too much isn't right.

Most of the people being hospitalized for Ivory Wave end up snorting much more than needed to get buzzed. If these products are going to be sold, at least be honest and save people from dying.

Recently, I stumbled across a product called Lazy Cakes, which are sold as relaxation brownies. These, surprisingly, were honest and upfront about both the effects and the ingredients, with the relaxation coming from melatonin and valerian root (both are completely legal relaxants). They say they're only for adults. While I can't say if they work, more amateur product reviews are online, and these seem safer than bath salts.

Just remember, before you take off "Fear and Loathing" style, if you don't know what's in your drug of choice, you may not be able to stop, bat country or not.

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## New technology ruins idea of dating for today's youth

Communication is lacking when it comes to dating and relationships, making the beginning of a new relationship less sincere.

I have never been officially asked out, and I believe many others can say the same. People are noticing even if they are in a committed relationship, the initial dating aspect never happened. Dating is now considered not even



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speaking when first meeting someone you like. You do some drunk dancing followed by a make-out session. If the person texts you the next day you are officially dating.

No one seems to ask anyone out on a date, let alone approach them with the simple line: "Hello, my name is... What's yours?" That statement shows interest and isn't sleazy or obnoxious. If interest grows, then by traditional standards one person asks the other out and finds out their personal attributes. How you date is indulging in a social activity done by two people getting to know each other.

I have spent time with someone of interest in several ways but none of them traditional. People communicate through a third party—texting or Facebook messaging. It is much easier to speak to someone who isn't in front of you because you can't see how he or she reacts, what he or she really means or the tone in which it is said. When it comes to dating, Facebook is an easy search for the hopes of finding an "easy" person and texting is just a way to save face.

Some people say they can't speak on the phone and it makes them uncomfortable. If you can't speak to someone over the phone then no one should date you for your lack of ability to have any type of beneficial conversation. Dating is making a large effort to get to know someone.

cell phones and computers, people made the attempt to see each other and show the type of person they were and continued to do so if the relationship progressed. Sadly, it is all about proving your worth to another person and if no thorough dating ever happens you can't show that. All you can show is the person they see through a screen.

People skip dating, go right to a relationship and miss the meaningful stuff that

is supposed to happen in between, hence why many relationships don't work out. Lack of communication, misunderstandings and the push and shove of figuring each other out quickly is no excuse to not buy dinner and have a decent conversation. For those of you who are affection hogs it is more beneficial to get a small animal to cuddle with, whether it is alive or stuffed.

Technology has ruined our way of communicating and I require confidence when it comes to being asked out. This means an approach must be made, interest shown and public venues should be sought out to show me off at.

There is no harm in telling someone you like him or her as a person or would like to know more about them. You can call it irrelevant. You can call it selfish, but I call it beneficial and decent. For those who think they don't have a shot with the person they find value in, just remember: if you don't ask, the answer is always no.

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# Egyptian Uprising:

Student perspectives show hope, awareness for a revolting country

## Revolt against oppression provides example for other countries

Much of post-colonial African history is comprised of bad, autocratic leadership.

Today, the poster children for the leadership problems of the continent are African heads of state, many of whom have run their countries into the ground. Zimbabwe remains in the worst shape on the continent today with

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unemployment and poverty rates running near 80 percent. Robert Mugabe has been president since 1981 and has stifled opposition and refused to conduct credible elections.

I participated in a peaceful protest on campus last week because of what I consider a slow, unsatisfactory response by the United States government to the situation in Egypt. Some of the biggest ills of the world have come from apathy of those who are in a position to help.

A chance for real change and democracy has presented itself now in Egypt and it is not going away. This is not the time for the U.S. to stand with dictators. I felt that it is time for those in a position of influence to encourage those principles which this country is founded on: universal rights of humankind, justice, democracy and freedom.

This should not be just for Egypt, however, even though it is our biggest test for the moment, but for all places in the world where the people have had enough. I

care about this because between 1983 and 1998, we were also ruled by similarly oppressive military dictators in Nigeria. What I remember most from those days was panic, unease, unrest, a crumbling economy, corruption, annulments of elections, assassinations and other violence by agents of state. A dictatorship is the worst kind of government to live under.

The situation in Egypt today is significant for the rest of the continent where a few more dictators remain, not just because it will show African dictators that they need to put the people's welfare first, but also that people power will eventually trump the power of guns and repression.

At least, one would think so.

In 2003, a far smaller number of people gathered at Firdo's square in Baghdad to topple the statue of another long-term Arab dictator, Saddam Hussein. Despite the small number of real Iraqi people who participated in the toppling of the statue, the event was broadcast around the world as a sign of popular revolt of citizens fed up with a

dictator, and used to justify the whole essence of the American invasion. The crowd in Egypt, prompted not by a foreign invasion but a long pent-up anger at a corrupt and totally repressive government, has now risen up to reclaim their country.

First it was in Tunisia where the people revolted and sent the dictator fleeing in January. Today, it is Egypt. Tomorrow, we hope it will spread to Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Congo, Libya and everywhere where greedy men are creating dynasties at the expense of citizens.

I believe it also sends a message to foreign powers that eventually their support for dictators will become unfashionable when their support conflicts with the respect for the fundamental human rights of citizens in those places. Whatever happens in the end, especially with

a victory for the popular revolt, we can be sure that governance on the continent will never remain the same again, and neither will citizens' attitudes to the government that oppresses them.

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## United States government should side with Egyptian people, not Mubarak

Despite many decades under suppressive regimes, the Egyptian people have never protested for their freedom as they did on Jan. 25, but I was not surprised by the United States government's initial response.

The State Department's statements have been noncommittal and grotesque in their response to the situation. The American policy in the Middle East is aimed at stabilizing and empowering dictatorships and autocratic regimes in regions that suppress

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democracy. Egypt has been a major recipient of U.S. military aid even though there has been widespread election fraud and political repression.

Of course, the Obama administration was embarrassed and hesitant to support people who are calling for their dignity, freedom and democracy rather than Mubarak, who they have historically defended and supported.

The United States often proclaims their commitment to democracy and says it's the safest way to maintain stability. However, with their continued support of Mubarak and other dictators in the region, they are creating mistrust among the people. This is an opportunity for the United States to stand on the side of democracy.

I am watching how significantly the U.S. stance has changed over the last few days. I am sure they are moved, just as much as I, by the perseverance of the Egyptian people, whom have given no choice to the Obama administration but to continue to push for Mubarak to step down.

Hundreds of thousands of my countrymen and women were united in calling for a significant, long awaited change in their country.

Many issues triggered the revolution in Egypt, all of which center around dignity and self-

governance. They were calling for an end to the 30-year regime of Mubarak. They were calling for a change in severe poverty, horrible police humiliation, squashing government's opponents, getting around the constitution to stabilize the regime and many other critical issues.

I am excited and heartened to see so many examples of courage, patience and cooperation. My countrymen and women created human chains and security checkpoints around their streets and neighborhoods for protection against looters after police pulled back. Mubarak went even further and decided to play his ugliest card by unleashing thugs who galloped in on horses and camels to attack protesters all over the country after his last speech.

Despite hundreds of people killed by the brutality of the Egyptian police and thousands who have been wounded, my people have stayed strong in their demonstrations against this tyrant. They are vowing not to go home until Mubarak steps down. Of this, I

am proud.

If the United States is really honest in their call for freedom and democracy, I think they should stop supporting the dictators in the Middle East and at the very least suspending the military aid that is used to suppress the voices advocating for change.

I am proud that I am Egyptian and I hope we can continue our journey courageously to freedom and dignity. I hope the people of the United States can stand with us as we struggle towards freedom. I dedicate to you all the words of Benjamin Franklin: "Those who would give up Essential Liberty to purchase a little Temporary Safety deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

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## Mideast demonstrations

Unrest continues throughout the region as anger and frustration with governments have resulted in huge street protests demanding change.

### Tunisia

Started Dec. 17

**Reason** A lack of jobs combined with fear of the allegedly harsh national security forces fueled the weeks of protest that were sparked when a young fruit vendor set himself on fire after police seized his wares

**Target** President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, in office 23 years, fled following the biggest protests in Tunis, the capital; he had been known as a corrupt and heavy-handed dictator



### Jordan

Started Jan. 21

**Reason** Smaller, more peaceful protests than others in region have focused on the country's worsening economy and corruption; many called for Minister Samir Rifai to step down

**Target** Rifai gained power in 2009 under the monarchy-controlled government; Feb. 1, King Abdullah fired Rifai, ordered an ex-prime minister to form new Cabinet and launch political reforms



### Egypt

Started Jan. 25

**Reason** Inspired by events in Tunisia, Egyptians flooded the streets to protest the government, wealth inequality and the alleged police torture and killing of a young man last year in Alexandria

**Target** President Hosni Mubarak has ruled since 1981; he is accused of violently silencing Islamists, creating economic inequality and corruption; says he will not seek reelection



### Lebanon

Started Jan. 25

**Reason** The naming of Hezbollah-backed Najib Mikati as prime minister sparked a "day of rage" by the opposition, who also blames the armed Shiite Muslim movement Hezbollah for killing a former prime minister in 2005

**Target** Mikati's appointment worries opponents and Western officials who fear the growing influence of Syrian- and Iranian-backed Hezbollah, which the U.S. regards as a terrorist group



### Yemen

Started Jan. 27

**Reason** Protesters want President Ali Abdullah Saleh to go; his regime is accused of corruption, nepotism and human rights abuses; Yemen, one of the Arab world's poorest nations, is running out of water

**Target** Saleh has ruled for 32 years; he has angered Yemenis by allowing U.S. drone strikes on suspected al-Qaida targets inside Yemen in exchange for a big increase in counterterrorism aid



### Sudan

Started Jan. 30

**Reason** Student-led protests in northern cities against rising food prices and long-time rule of President Omar al Bashir, who some blame for Sudan's recent split into two nations and its economic woes

**Target** Bashir, indicted for genocide for his counterinsurgency campaign in Darfur, has ruled since 1993 and recently slashed fuel and food subsidies



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# Why people hate 'LOVE'

## Valentine's Day protestors denounce the consumer-based holiday



Photo courtesy of Lilly Vanilli Cake Fight.

**Sold online for a more realistic Valentine's Day gift, bleeding heart cakes are made by Lilly Vanilli for the equivalent of about 12 dollars. However, a benefit other than humoring your sweetheart with a heart (minus the beating) is the profits go to charity, with 20 percent of funds going to a music and fashion awareness for those with cancer.**

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Valentine's Day: a time of devotion and emotion, courtship and candy and the occasional whack at a black, heart-shaped piñata followed by a few shots of vodka.

For many, the day is meant to celebrate the love they feel for their loyal, caring partner. Lovers everywhere embrace on the dance floor at local clubs, gaze into each others' eyes from their booths at Applebee's and look upon the world through rose-colored glasses that leave them smiling and skipping down the sidewalk.

For others, the rose-colored glasses were lost somewhere along the path of life, and reality left them nestled up with a tub of Ben & Jerry's. For these people, the day serves as an annual reminder of the flowers that won't appear at their doorsteps and the chocolates that will never be given to them in a heart-shaped box.

Despite its list of "goods" and "bads," Valentine's Day is never ignored by the masses. Even the critics find ways to cope

by creating web pages and throwing extravagant parties aimed at cheapening the integrity of the holiday.

Squidoo.com/anti-valentinesday takes great strides in furthering the Anti-Valentine's Day movement through a mix of quirky quotes, illustrations of not-so-cute cupids and even handbooks for flirting that can be purchased through Amazon.com. The site also offers tips for a successful "Anti-V-Day" party.

Oddly enough, the capitalist agenda that has disgusted cynics for years seems to bait even the most hardcore Anti-Valentine's Day enthusiasts who boast songs, e-cards, t-shirts and coffee mugs for online purchase.

But that's beside the point. The point is that people who hate Valentine's Day go to great lengths to hate it. Why do so many people despise a holiday that merely commemorates love?

Psychology professor Paul Rose has an

answer to these questions, adding that he is not fond of the holiday.

"I think it sends the wrong message when we focus on just one day of the year as a time where we think a little bit harder about our relationship and our partner," Rose said. "There's nothing wrong with having such a day; it's just that Valentine's Day really ought to be something every week to be truly meaningful."

Weekly flowers and chocolates would spark the interest of many people, but freshman exercise and wellness major Portia Rowland of Collinsville said love should be celebrated even more often than that.

"I think what Valentine's Day celebrates should be celebrated every day," Rowland said. "I'm not a big fan of only making love important once a year."

Recent Valentine's Day statistics suggest its core ideas have conditioned the American public into succumbing to holiday hype. According to squidoo.com, 53 percent of women in America would dump their boyfriends if they didn't receive any gifts for Valentine's Day; further legitimizing Rose and Rowland's observations.

"When everybody is celebrating something you're just not a part of, it's irritating to feel like you're being left out," Rose said. "But Valentine's Day can make you feel especially rejected because, not only are you not celebrating with everybody else, but you're not celebrating because you don't have a partner like all of these people."

Freshman Michelle Milcarek of Lebanon said she is rather neutral about the holiday.

"I've never really made a point to celebrate Valentine's Day before, but I would if I had someone to share it with," Milcarek said.

Rose said making Valentine's Day more meaningful means staying away from the cheesy American way of expressing love for one another.

"We've sort of allowed marketers to tell us how we should be honoring our romantic partners on Valentine's Day," Rose said. "Things like buying chocolates or buying flowers at just this one point in the year is just so trivial for what may be the most or one of the most important relationships in our lives."

Junior Spanish major Andria Madson of Arcola said she dislikes the tacky aspects of Valentine's Day.

"I usually have to work on Valentine's Day, but if I were able to celebrate I'd do something romantic at home," Madson said.

Psychology professor Eva Ferguson personally doesn't mind the holiday.

"I think we need to emphasize love and bonding in our society, and we need to respect it and appreciate it," Ferguson said. "In the middle of a dreary winter, having a day where you've got lots of red and bright colors is extremely positive and uplifting."

Ferguson had a method of reason behind people who dislike Valentine's Day.

"If you're not in a relationship, you might despise it more because you don't want to feel left out," Ferguson said. "They don't have anyone who they feel close with and they would like to have somebody. It could be a defensive maneuver."

Ferguson also offered a few ideas for those who want to celebrate the holiday, but find themselves single this time around.

"I would say a little charity would go a long way," Ferguson said. "Anything each of us can do to show affection and warmth and acceptance to others is going to have lots of good effects. We'd all be a happier society if we did that."

V-Day sentiments are not entirely polarized, as some feel rather impartial to the hoopla associated with the day.

So if you find yourself single on Valentine's Day, instead of stressing over it and eating overwhelming amounts of mint chocolate chip ice cream, take the time to tell your friends and family how much you love and appreciate them. Cougar Village is also celebrating a Singles Valentine's Day at the Commons Building on Feb. 14 for single students to attend.

If you're still craving that box of chocolates or big stuffed teddy bear, don't be afraid to treat yourself because you are in control of your own happiness. If you love yourself, others are sure to love you too.

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Marking suggestions and favorites, Global Brew worker Ryan High chalks 'mmm, bacon' onto the giant blackboard covering the walls of the bar. Each worker's favorite is marked for the customer's choice during their visit to the bar. Global Brew is located at Park Plaza in Edwardsville above Wasabi.

# Global Brew bar brings world flavors to Edwardsville

AJ SANSON / Alestle Reporter

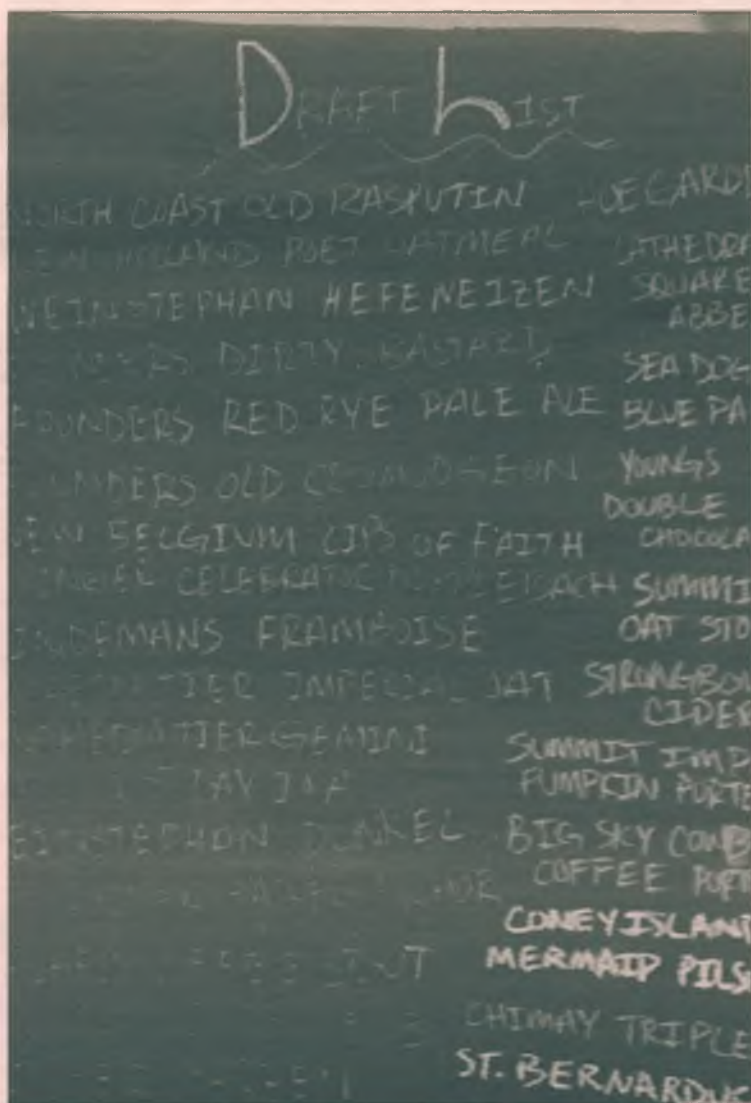


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Listing each and every draft they have on tap, Global Brew exhibits the number of different drinks they have available. Global Brew is a new bar and tap lounge owned by Ryan and Laura High and Ryan Lowe.

If you are looking for a change of pace in the Edwardsville nightlife, look no further than the Global Brew Tap House & Lounge.

Owners Ryan and Laura High and friend Ryan Lowe's (yes, those really are their names) dream has now become a reality with the grand opening of the Global Brew Tap House and Lounge last Friday which sits atop Wasabi at the intersection of 159 and 157.

The bar was originally scheduled to open last November, but Ryan, a 2007 graduate of the SIUE School of Business, said the delay was caused by some construction delays and the owners taking time to make sure everything on the inside was the way they envisioned.

It was well worth the wait.

The bar's lineup features 50 beers on tap as well as 200 bottles of beer from around the world. If you are looking for a proud product of St. Louis, you are out of luck. Prices of beers range from \$4 to \$16 with the selection of available beers subject to change.

Taking in the scene on the bar's second night of business was rather mundane. For those accustomed to the loud music

and the vomit-covered stalls of other area bars, Global Brew is at the complete opposite side of the spectrum. It did not even feel as if I was in Edwardsville, but rather a more upscale town such as Clayton, Mo. A little culture never hurts.

A handful of flat screens will keep you updated on all the happenings in sports, like the return of Jimmy Edmonds, along with a couch for those who wish to take advantage of the "lounge" aspect of the name. The waitresses and bartenders are also more than willing to give samples of different beers for those ambitious in trying new flavors.

I suggest the Sea Dog Blue Paw Wheat, a drink on tap with a subtle fruit flavor from a town called South Portland, Maine.

One of the best aspects of the bar may be the ownership; Ryan is an SIUE alum and a resident of Edwardsville simply living the dream.

"Not many guys can say they own a bar and share their love of craft beer," High said. "I've seen it done in different parts of the world and Edwardsville was the perfect fit."

High is also a perfect fit as a business owner in this town. Unlike some other local bars, I could not foresee Ryan launching

his customers into the street as a result of a spilled drink. That's not just because High's establishment sits on the second story of a building. He is a true businessman and it is inevitable in his explanation as to why he decided against having a kitchen in his bar.

"There are so many awesome restaurants in town. Why would I compete with them?" High said. "Let them do what they do best."

He instead allows his patrons to order delivery food from other restaurants in town and indulge themselves inside the bar.

From all accounts it seems the grand opening was a success and according to Mr. High, the opening weekend well exceeded his expectations. The Global Brew will last and is a nice fit for the upper scale corridor that it rests above. They have a Facebook page, so for those interested check it out.

Thus far, the only knocks I have on the bar are the single user mens room and the patron dressed head to toe in New York Mets gear as I interviewed Mr. High, but we cannot all be perfect.

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# Upcoming Cougar Events:

Friday, Feb. 11 Softball vs. Virginia and Drexel (Buis Creek N.C) - 11 a.m.  
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Saturday, Feb. 12 Men's basketball vs. Robert Morris (Springfield) - 7 p.m.

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## Cougars aim for respect as OVC era begins

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### Softball

Most teams at SIUE will have to wait a while longer before officially becoming Division I programs. The SIUE softball team, however, starts their journey in the Ohio Valley Conference Friday.

SIUE will play a full Ohio Valley Conference schedule this spring and will also be eligible for NCAA postseason tournaments. Montgomery said the Cougars hope to make a splash in postseason play in their first year eligible for it.

"They want to represent the university well," Head Coach Sandy Montgomery, now in her 23rd season, said. "They want to be the first team to win their conference tournament."

SIUE opens the season on the road this weekend in the Hampton Inn Invitational. They are opening up against tough competition, playing Virginia, Drexel and Campbell.

"They are going to be excited

to get outside and play on dirt," Montgomery said. "We are ready to play."

SIUE has a grueling non-conference schedule overall. SIUE faces nine teams that advanced to the NCAA Tournament last season, and three of those teams advanced to the Women's College World Series. They even face the defending champions: UCLA. Montgomery said a tough non-conference schedule has the potential to get her team ready for OVC play.

"It really depends on how we handle our adversity as a group. The kids have to handle their failures and adversity throughout the season," Montgomery said. "They must keep things in perspective and apply them as we move through our schedule. If we can do that, it will be a benefit we played such a tough schedule."

The Cougars will spend the first month of the season on the



Rebekha Blake/Alestle  
Freshman infielder Chelsea Yankovich, (Right) a recruit out of Phoenix and Junior outfielder Brianna Fulginiti (Left) take batting practice in the Vadalabene Center Tuesday. The Cougars begin the season Friday in Buis Creek, North Carolina.

"We are going to be there and compete hard. If you don't come prepared to play us, we can take it to you."

-Kasey Schlafke  
Senior infielder

road. They don't play at Cougar Field until March 12 in a home opener also serving as a conference opener.

"We open with SEMO at home and that is our most important game," Montgomery said. "We are going to try to get better in the first month of play and be ready to play SEMO."

The Cougars are a young team and several freshmen will have a chance to earn consistent playing time. Infielder Kasey Schlafke is the only senior in the everyday starting lineup and this will be Schlafke's only chance to make it to the postseason.

"The last two years have been

rough. It is not like we went out and played like we weren't playing for anything. The truth is we weren't," Schlafke said. "It is hard to work all year long and know you can't compete for anything."

"The goal is to win the OVC tournament to get the bid into the postseason. We talk about it almost every day in practice. It would be the ultimate ending for my career."

Schlafke has already made one sacrifice to help her team this season. She moved to third base from shortstop to make room for freshman Chelsea Yankovich. Schlafke said she knows her team will count on her for leadership.

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### OVC Men's basketball standings

Murray State	18-6 (10-3)
Morehead State	17-8 (9-4)
Austin Peay	15-11 (9-5)
Tennessee Tech	13-10 (9-5)
Tennessee State	11-13 (8-6)
Eastern Kentucky	13-11 (7-6)
Southeast Missouri	7-17 (5-8)
Eastern Illinois	8-15 (4-9)
UT Martin	8-17 (3-10)
SIUE *	6-19
Jacksonville State	5-20 (3-11)

### Monday's games

Tenn. Tech 70, Austin Peay 64  
SIUE 63, SEMO 83  
J'ville St. 76, Tenn. state 73  
E. Illinois 53, Murray St. 66

### Thursday's games

Eastern Illinois at Morehead State  
SEMO at Eastern Kentucky  
Tenn. Tech at Murray State  
J'ville State at UT Martin



### OVC Women's basketball standings

Tennessee Tech	18-4 (12-1)
Morehead State	17-7 (10-3)
UT Martin	14-9 (9-3)
Austin Peay	9-16 (8-5)
Eastern Illinois	12-11 (7-5)
Jacksonville State	9-15 (6-7)
Southeast Missouri	7-15 (3-9)
SIUE *	7-13
Tennessee State	7-17 (3-10)
Eastern Kentucky	6-16 (3-10)
Murray State	6-17 (2-10)

### Tuesday's game

Tenn. State 81, SIUE 71

### Thursday's game

SEMO at Eastern Kentucky  
Eastern Illinois at Morehead State  
Tenn. Tech at Murray State  
UT Martin at J'ville State



### OVC Softball Pre-season poll

1. Jacksonville state (8)
2. Tennessee Tech (2)
3. UT Martin
4. SIUE
- T5. Eastern Illinois (1)
- T5. Morehead State
7. Murray State
8. Southeast Missouri
9. Eastern Kentucky
10. Austin Peay
11. Tennessee State

## Forrester questions intensity in loss to SEMO

ALLAN LEWIS  
Alestle Sports Editor

### Men's basketball

Southeast Missouri put the Cougars on their heels with runs of 15-0 and 9-0 in the first half, on their way to an 83-63 victory at the Vadalabene Center.

Head Coach Lennox Forrester attributed a lack of intensity from his team leading to the result.

"For us to have any success we have to give 110 percent every night. If we don't, we are going to get beat and continue to get beat," Forrester said. "They were getting whatever they wanted. You can give credit to SEMO, but I also want to say we didn't play as well as we should."

Leadership came into question for the coach, after the team's sixth

straight loss against Division I competition. It also dropped Forrester's record against teams from the Ohio Valley Conference to 1-12 while the Cougars dropped to 6-19 on the season. SEMO improved to 7-17 and earned its second straight win after dropping six straight in the OVC.

The game started out with promise for the Cougars. Michael Messer and Cornelius Chatt hit consecutive 3-pointers to give SIUE a 6-0 lead. They extended it to 11-6 before Marlon Smith, Anthony Allison and SEMO took over, scoring 15 consecutive points to take

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Derrick Hawkins/Alestle  
Junior Kevin Stineman attempts to drive to the hole, but is blocked cleanly by Southeast Missouri's Leon Powell during the second half of Monday's basketball game at the Vadalabene Center.



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a 21-11 lead.

SIUE's drought lasted 4:40. After cutting the Redhawks' lead to three at 23-20, SEMO did it again, this time scoring nine straight to open up a 32-20 lead.

SIUE's defense was more problematic than anything else in the first half.

"SEMO was driving the basketball and our help defense wasn't there," Forrester said. "They were getting offensive boards for tip backs and were getting very good looks at the basket."

Despite a seemingly one-sided stat line at the break, SIUE was still in the game after Cody Rincker hit a 3-pointer right before the buzzer to make it 45-33.

In the first half, SEMO out-scored the Cougars 26-4 in the paint, out-shot them 60-39 percent with 10 more shots than the Cougars and 10 second chance points.

Smith had 18 points in the first half alone to lead SEMO.

It was the Cougars' 3-point shooting at 7-14 keeping them alive through the first half. They didn't have the same luxury in the second half while the team's lax defense continued.

Right off the opening tip, Lucas Nutt found Smith wide open for an easy jump shot to make it 47-33.

"We addressed it at halftime, then we went down and no one was guarding Smith," Forrester said. "That's unacceptable. You can blame it on the nine-day layoff, but when your effort isn't there, it's hard to use that excuse."

Once SEMO built its large lead, it was tough for SIUE to break into it because of the way SEMO was playing. Redhawks' Head Coach Dickey Nutt said the plan each possession was to milk the shot clock and find an open look, something they routinely did, continuing to shoot above 50 percent in the second half.

"[We aren't] good defensively," Nutt said. "Our biggest key is to run the offense with the intention of getting an inside basket and making the defense play for at least 20-25 seconds. The defense scrambles and gets on their heels after that. It's amazing how good shots open up when you play that long on offense."

The dagger against the Cougars came with 4:30 to play in the game, when Lucas Nutt hit a 3-pointer to extend SEMO's lead to 16 at 72-56.

SEMO took eight shots from beyond the arc, but they were the right ones, hitting 4-8. SIUE meanwhile, saw its hot 3-point shooting dissipate in the second half, making just 2-11.

"We took some bad shots in the bonus and I reminded our guys with 11 minutes to go but we continued to take a lot of threes instead of driving to the basket," Forrester said.

"We weren't unselfish enough to make the extra pass to an open guy."

SEMO had trouble with Cougar center Nikola Bundalo, but he wasn't getting the touches he needed inside. Bundalo was one of four Cougars in double figures, posting 11 points on 5-5 shooting

inside.

Chatt (14 points) Messer (11) and Kevin Stineman (10) were the others.

"He was a handful inside and very hard to guard," Nutt said of Bundalo. "We tried to do all of our work on defense before he could catch the ball."

The Cougars' lack of an interior offense came down to one thing for Forrester: selfishness.

"We were reverting to very selfish basketball. I was calling plays and we went away and played one-on-one basketball," Forrester said. "We have to play as a team, offensively and defensively."

Down the stretch, SEMO executed on its foul shots, hitting 8-

12 down the stretch to preserve the victory.

Smith's 27 points led SEMO, while Leon Powell had 15 points and 12 rebounds, Nutt scored 14, Cameron Butler had 11 and Allison had 10.

Forrester said this season has been frustrating because the team has lacked the presence of a leader off the court, and he is still puzzled by the team's level of competition.

"I feel like when our guys have nothing to lose, they go out and play well," Forrester said. "If a team has a record not too far away from ours we don't compete like we should."

"Look at how we competed against Greenville and MacMurray;

	<b>63</b>
	<b>83</b>

it's the same thing. It's almost like they think this is going to be easy. I keep saying it's never easy."

The Cougars will look to regroup Saturday when they host Robert Morris of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association, a level of college basketball below the NCAA and NAIA.

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## Mighty Cougar roar...



A group of painted students help the SIUE pep band directed by Dan Smithinger sing the new fight song "Mighty Cougar Roar" which debuted at halftime of Monday's basketball game.

Derrick Hawkins/Alestle



## MODULES

**Student Leadership  
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### Modules

2/15/11

#### Group Process

Major Matthew Cloud and Lt. Chris Blanchard  
Group Activity Room, Student Fitness Center

Module 15, 6:30 p.m.:

Community Change: What a Leader Needs to Know  
Tom Irwin, Executive Director of Civic Progress  
Board Room, Morris University Center

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Module 6, 2 p.m.:

Assess Your Service & Leadership Style  
George Gregory, Industrial Organizational Psychology  
Board Room, Morris University Center

Module 16, 6:30 p.m.:

Developing Self-Esteem  
Tracie Webb, Psychologist for SIUE Counseling Services  
Board Room, Morris University Center

Leadership & Professional Skills Workshop (free)

Saturday, March 26, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Student Success Center 1203

\*Pre-registration required at Kimmel Leadership Center

### SLDP Reminders...

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Feb. 12 & March 26 - Holy Angels Homeless Shelter & SIUE Homeless Program

Feb. 19 - St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Feb. 26 - Angel Food

March 16, 17, 18 & 19 - The Gardens at SIUE

Sexual Assault Medical Advocate Training - Feb. 19 & 20, Feb. 26 & 27

Suicide & Crisis Hotline Training - March 19 & 20, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Project Read Mentor Orientation - March 23, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

American Red Cross Disaster Training - April 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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### Alternative Spring Break Trip - Cherokee Nation, Ok.

Orientation - Feb. 24 & March 3

Stephen Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People"

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Morris University Center Board Room, 2nd Floor

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# Cougars too strong for UCM

## Five straight wins a catalyst for SIUE, now 5-13

**AJ SANSON**  
Alestle Reporter

Five straight decisions helped the Cougars improve to 5-13 after defeating Central Missouri 21-15 Tuesday night in Warrensburg, Mo.

After junior Paul Myers opened the meet by accepting a forfeit at the 125 class, the Cougars dropped their next two decisions as John Petrov (133) and Nick Capozzoli (141) both got shut out 4-0. After that, junior Derrick Pousson took over in a decision Head Coach David Ray said shifted the momentum in the Cougars' favor.

"Derrick turned it around," Ray said. "Not only did he win a match, but he physically wore down the guy and took the fight out of his opponent."

Pousson's 9-2 victory sparked a string of five consecutive wins for the Cougars as Kyle Lowman (157), Isaac Ervin (165), Steve Ross (174) and Deshoun White (184) all followed suit. Pousson said he knew what to do after watching the two men before him get shut out.

"I knew we were starting to get behind," Pousson said. "Something had to happen to change the tone."

The Cougars were forced to forfeit the 197 class due to usual starter, Robert Cooney coming

down with an illness that has plagued him since Monday. David Devine also lost his heavyweight match by a count of 4-1.

Overall, Ray said his squad showed a lot of heart, especially while still utilizing a shuffled lineup.

"It was exciting," Ray said. "Especially with Ross up at 174 and Isaac [Ervin] at 165 because [Michael] Dace, [Gabe] Hocum and [Robert] Cooney are out. A lot of other guys are filling in and winning. They wrestled with a lot of heart and were able to win those matches against bigger opponents."

Ross recently recovered from an ACL injury and is one of eight juniors on a team who does not feature any seniors. The junior said he is trying to lead by example.

"Just set an example for everyone and show that even though you're hurt or giving up weight [to the opponent], you can still go out and perform," Ross said.

Ray also pointed to White's match, which was the fifth straight victory for the Cougars, as one that illustrated the team's determination. In the closing seconds, White took down William Ressel to his back to

earn four points, which led to White's 12-10 victory. White said after seeing his previous four teammates win their matches, he knew he had to get it done.

"[Adrenaline] was pretty high," White said. "Most of those matches were pretty close and I knew mine would be close. Also, it wasn't going to be easy."

The grapplers now return home Saturday as they face Knox College at noon, then Northern Illinois at 3 p.m. at the Student Fitness Center. Ray said his squad is feeling confident heading into the dual meet.

"Knox wrestles hard. They are a young team, but we probably have a little better quality athletes," Ray said. "NIU, they are tough. They just beat Eastern Michigan. It'll be a tough dual. It may come down to getting a couple upsets and putting it together like they did tonight."

Pousson echoed his coach on the team's confidence level and is also looking towards the future for a few more wins.

"I think we're ready to go," Pousson said. "We're ready to get two more wins and I see a lot of people getting excited for conference and nationals. I see a lot of improvement in our wrestlers."

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### Wrestling

### SOFTBALL from pg. 12



Rebekah Blake/Alestle  
The SIUE softball team enters the 2011 season as a fully-certified Division I team. The 2007 Division II National Champions have a new motto; "Respect is earned."

"They are going to be looking up to me. It is a position I enjoy," Schlafke said. "I can't let myself do anything negative ever. I must hold myself to higher standard."

Montgomery is one win away from her 800th victory, and the program has a rich history at the Division II level. However, junior center fielder Megan Murphy knows past accolades will not automatically earn the 2011 team respect. The Cougars new team motto is "Respect is earned."

"Respect has been earned over many years because of what has been done here. In order for us to get that respect we have to carry on tradition," Murphy said. "We have to work hard every day not just for ourselves, but also those who helped build the program."

SIUE has already placed some teams on notice in previous seasons. Schlafke said opposing teams facing them for the first time will learn the Cougars are not to be taken lightly.

"I think by playing a Division I schedule the last few years we have earned some respect. Some teams are still unsure about us," Schlafke said. "All year long we are going to let teams know they can't just look over us. We are going to be there to compete and play hard. If you don't come prepared to play

us, we can take it to you."

SIUE's offense is not fueled by power. The Cougars like to use speed and timely hitting to manufacture runs.

In addition to offensive production, pitching will be a key to SIUE's team success. Their pitching staff will be led by seniors Ali Downing and Erika Taylor.

"They have definitely improved from last year," Montgomery said. "If they pitch with confidence they will give the defense a chance to make plays for them."

Sophomore pitcher Lindsay Coleman will also be counted on to provide quality starts.

"Coleman didn't throw a lot for us last year," Montgomery said. "She is throwing really well for us right now in practice."

The team will have to excel in all areas to make a deep run into the postseason. If they do, the SIUE logo will see airtime during a nationally televised broadcast. ESPN provides extensive coverage of the Women's Softball World Series.

"It would be huge for our team and the university as well," Murphy said. "It would put SIUE on the map for athletics."

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## Next Week in CAB

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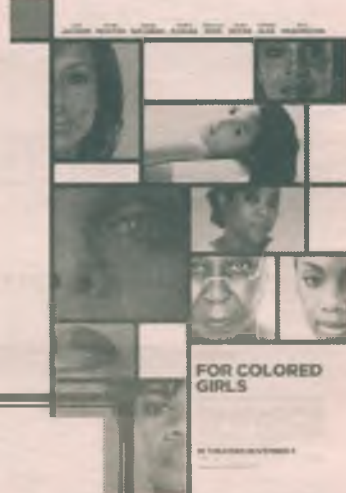
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# Fouls hurt in OVC loss

JASON FRAZIER  
Alestle Reporter

After going on a five game win streak, the SIUE women's basketball team is now streaking in the wrong direction. The Cougars lost their third straight game after losing to Tennessee State 81-71 Tuesday.

A big reason for the Cougars' loss was their inability to stay out of foul trouble. Raven Berry and Allysa Decker combined for 33 points. However, they both fouled out of the game. Tennessee State was able to draw 26 fouls against the Cougars and SIUE Head Coach Amanda Levens said foul trouble hampered her team's rhythm.

"It was tough to keep a combination on the floor," Levens said. "Raven and Alyssa did a great job offensively but we had to keep trying to protect them."

Despite foul issues, the game was evenly contested until Tennessee State took control of the game with five minutes remaining. During their five-game winning streak, Levens said her team has won similar contests to Tuesday.

"In that stretch we found ways to win games. [Tuesday] was a game we didn't find a way to win. It was a game I thought we could and should have won," Levens said. "We didn't get it done at the end of the game. In the five game stretch we got it done when it mattered."

Foul trouble has been a reoccurring theme in the last few

## Women's basketball

	71
	81

games for the Cougars, as they have racked up 48 personal fouls in their last two games. Injuries to Madison Meade and Amanda Ledbetter have also affected the Cougars' depth, forcing the Cougars to go deep into their bench.

"We need to adjust to the way the officials are calling the games," Levens said. We are thin at certain positions right now. The team can't afford to be in foul trouble, we don't have the depth we did at beginning of the season.

SIUE took more field goals than Tennessee State, however they only made one more field goal than Tennessee State. SIUE only shot 37 percent from the field.

"Our field goal percentage has hurt us in the last three games we lost," Levens said.

A season-long trend for the Cougars has been their poor play on the road. The most recent loss drops the Cougars road record to 1-9.

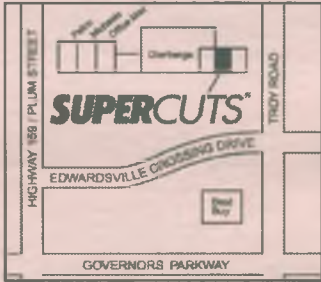
"We need to turn the corner as a program and realize we are the same team no matter where we play," Levens said.

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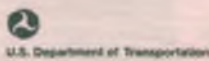
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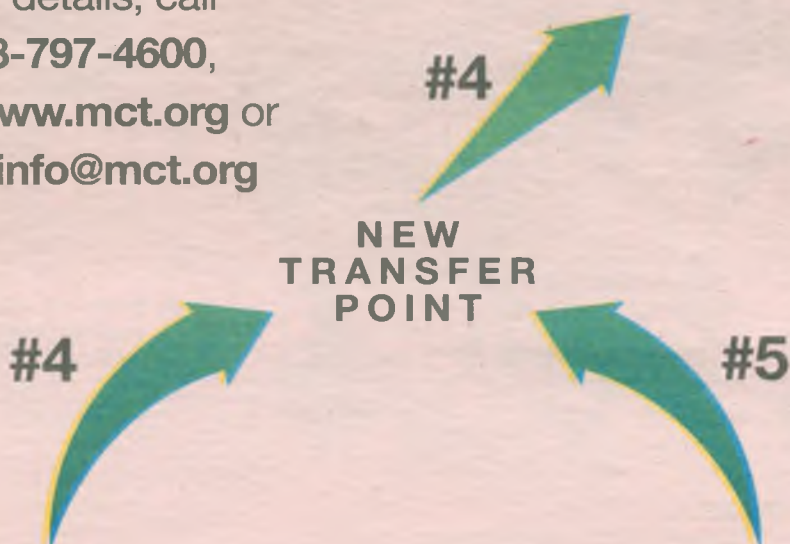
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